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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Addendum to Report #60 - As of 7:00 P.M. EDT)

1. The Chinese apparently have begun to lay the groundwork for claiming that India is complying with their ultimatum. A Peking broadcast on 21 September reported that Indian troops in the Sikkim border area in the past few days have made "a vain attempt" to destroy the evidence of their military structures established on the Chinese side of the major passes.

2. The Chinese claim that "hurriedly and surreptitiously" under cover of darkness the Indians demolished their old positions on Jelep Pass and that they abandoned other military structures on three other Sikkim passes apparently without destroying all of them. Peking claims that it is now in control of all these positions.

3. It is not yet clear whether New Delhi's forces have in fact taken such action, but the Chinese broadcast appears designed to give Peking greater room for maneuver. It makes it possible for them either to back off from the 22 September deadline apparently without conceding anything to the Indians, or, by pointing out that not all the controversial structures have yet been demolished, leave themselves free for some form of military action.

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